## Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 9, paragraph beginning at line 9, amend as follows:

In the coded data decoding portion 11 shown in Fig. 1, reference numeral 1 denotes an MPEG decoding portion, which includes a variable length decoding portion, an inverse quantization portion, an inverse discrete cosine converting portion, and a moving compensation prediction portion, for generating image data by decoding the input coded data, and for temporarily storing the thus generated image data (hereinafter, called the decoded data) in an external memory portion 12, reference numeral 2 denotes a decoded data reading portion for reading the decoded data from the external memory portion 12 and for outputting the thus read decoded data as the decoded data signals B1. The reference numeral 3-1 denotes a first image format converting portion for converting the decoded data signals B1 input from the decoded data reading portion 2 and outputting a first image data in response to the decoded data ~~request signal~~ signals B1, and reference numeral 3-2 denotes a second image format converting portion for converting the decoded data signals B1 input from the decoded data reading portion 2 and outputting a second image data. Furthermore, the reference numeral 4 denotes an image synchronizing signal generating portion for generating and outputting a first horizontal image synchronizing signal (not shown in fig. 1) corresponding to the image format converted by the first image format converting portion 3-1 and a first vertical image synchronizing signal A1, and reference numeral 5 denotes an image synchronizing signal generating and synchronizing adjusting portion for generating and outputting a second horizontal image synchronizing signal (not shown in Fig. 1) corresponding to the image format converted by the second image format converting portion 3-2 and for generating a second vertical image synchronizing signal A2 in synchronization with, and at the same phase as the first vertical image synchronizing signal A1 input from the image synchronizing signal generating portion 4.

On page 14, paragraph beginning at line 18, amend as follows:

Here, the second image format converting portion 3-2 generates and outputs the decoded data request signal R2 based on the second vertical image synchronizing signal A2, which is input from the image synchronizing signal generating and synchronization adjusting portion 5. Similar to the first embodiment, the first vertical image synchronizing signal A1 and the second vertical image synchronizing signal A2 are generated at the same phase synchronously with each other. Similarly, in response to the inputting decoded data request signal R2, the first and second decoding data, whose image formats are to be converted, are read from the external memory portion ~~3-2~~ 12.

On page 16, paragraph beginning at line 11, amend as follows:

In the multiplexed decoded data signal B2, ~~d1~~ d10 and ~~d2~~ d20 are first and second filter parameters requested respectively by the first and second image format converting portions 3-1 and 3-2. These first and second filter parameters d10 and d20 are parameters used for converting the image into an image format stored previously in the external memory portion 12, and when the image decoding apparatus is initialized, or in accordance with the modification of the image format executed by the first image format converting portion 3-1 or by the second image format converting portion 3-2, a request for reading the decoded data is requested by the first image format converting portion 3-1 or by the second image format converting portion 3-2. In response to this reading request, the decoded data reading portion 22 reads from the external memory portion 12 the first filter parameter d10 or the second filter parameter d20 and multiplexes these filter parameters to the multiplexed decoding data signal B2.